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1. [REDACTED], H. M. Gregory, head of the T. M. Gregory Company<sup>1</sup> (Chinese name: T'ien Li Yang Hang - 天利洋行), signed a contract to sell 32 landing craft to James Backhouse, Limited (Chinese name: Yung Sheng Yang Hang - 永勝洋行), Marina House, Hong Kong. The latter firm was authorized to make the purchase by Sudin<sup>2</sup> and Zhokov, director and deputy director respectively of the South China office of an international Communist organization. The vessels, which were moored in the Philippines at the time of the conclusion of the contract, were to be delivered in three groups, the first [REDACTED], to a place near Hainan.
2. A nationalist observer in Hong Kong, who learned of this arrangement on [REDACTED], offered to supply the latitude and longitude at which delivery was to be made and the date of the vessels' departure from the Philippines so that the craft might be intercepted by patrols. His price for supplying these data was HK \$50,000 deposited on demand and 30 percent of the purchase price of the intercepted vessels.<sup>3</sup>
3. HUANG Ch'ang-shui<sup>4</sup>, an officer of the Fukien Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, bought four landing craft of four hundred tons each from Surabaya in [REDACTED]. The purchase was arranged through unidentified Javanese business connections of TAI Sheng-wang (戴聖望), Hong Kong.
4. [REDACTED] YEH Chien-ying sent two trusted Communist agents, LIN T'ieh-ju (林鐵如), Canton manager of the Hong Kong Weekend Review, and LIN Wu-nung (林務農), manager of the Pao Yuan (寶元) Company in Canton, to Hong Kong to purchase military supplies. The two men stayed at the Ta Ch'ien (大千) Printing Press Building, Marble Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. [REDACTED] they purchased 3700 piculs of 5mm steel plates, at HK \$65 per picul, and about HK \$1,000,000 worth of penicillin and other medical supplies from the Hsi Lin (西民) Drug Store.

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Queen's Road West, Hong Kong. They declared the drugs and medical supplies to the Hong Kong Customs and arranged for their shipment to Canton by rail from Kowloon. The steel was to be smuggled out to Canton by the T'ai Hsing Company, Un Long, New Territories.<sup>5</sup>

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5. [REDACTED] MAO Chun-feng<sup>6</sup>, commissioner of the Communist North China Trade Bureau, purchased from Wu Tu-jung (吳杜榮), manager of the Tung Sing (通明) Electric Supply Company, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, 120 sets of SCR 694C transmitter-receiver combination radios. These sets can be used as radio phones, with a maximum range of 25 miles.<sup>7</sup> The purchase price was HK \$2,000 per set. In addition MAO purchased from the same firm other radio supplies amounting to HK \$100,000.

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1. [REDACTED] This company is listed in the Hong Kong Dollar Directory for 1950 at Queen's Building, Ice House Street. H. M. Gregory is listed as joint manager with T. M. Gregory, who is head of the firm.

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2. [REDACTED]
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7. [REDACTED] The United States Signal Corps rates this radio as maximum range 15-30 miles, but it will actually operate up to 200 miles. It is commonly used for field communications, mounted in jeeps. The standard price is approximately US \$600. The exchange rate in early October was approximately HK \$6.50 to one US dollar.

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